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SUP. WEISHAN "DISAPPOINTED" THAT COMMITTEE DOES NOT TAKE UP ARENA REFERENDUM RESOLUTION

Says Public Deserves Right to Express Itself on New Arena, Wisconsin Center Expansion

Milwaukee County Supervisor John Weishan, Jr., said today he was disappointed in a decision to pull from a committee agenda his resolution for a November advisory referendum on whether tax revenue should be used for construction of a new sports and entertainment arena and expand the Wisconsin Center Convention Center.

The referendum had been on the Thursday agenda of the Judiciary, Safety and General Services Committee but was not considered.

"I'm disappointed that the resolution was not considered by the Committee," Weishan said. "The clock is ticking, and every time we delay it becomes more difficult to get the issue on the November ballot. Now the resolution will not be considered until July unless we can pull it out of committee during the full County Board meeting on June 26.

"The public deserves to be heard on this issue."

Weishan said the resolution was important to the future of Milwaukee County because it would allow residents to express their views on spending tax dollars on a new arena and an expanded Wisconsin Center Convention Center.

"Clearly, this is a huge issue for the people of the entire region, and it's important that we get public input before we make any decisions on using tax dollars to build arenas and expand convention centers," Weishan said. "I will continue to fight for the public's right to have their say on this issue, and I call upon my colleagues to pull this out of the Committee at our next meeting and vote it up or down. This issue is too important to exclude the public from the discussion."

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